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TU OUR RÏDURZ.

It iz not widout muc hezitêçun, dat fvn upon só smôl a skêl, wí entur æ perilus páu ov jurnalizm, but hóp our taitl wil straik a kôrd in æ publik têst hwic wil inçûr sukses. Qi inkríst dizair ov obténiç kûriositiz and historikal reliks iz intimetli konekted wid æ progres ov sivilizêçun. It iz bai a kërful egzaminêçun ov æ acfvments and erurz ov æ past dat wí mé hóp tu impráuv in æ fûcur.

Dat hwic distingwiçez æ savej from æ edúketed persun iz æ luv ov árt and saiens. Ov æ formur tu skulpcur and péntiç ár givn æ presidens, and ov æ latur, nekst tu æ lôz ov our bfiç, our rilêçunz tu æ taur and a sâpûriur Pour; æ studi ov æ pâst histuri ov our rés iz æ móst yúsful and instruktiv.

In buks wí faind a ful akount ov ær akçunz, invençunz, kustumz and ópin-yunz, but hou muc iz our interest in æem enhanst bai æ diskuvuri ov sum éñçent relik, hwic koroboréts or eksplénz æ stétments ov æ historían. Widout æ antikwítiz wí pozés, suc az stacûz, koinz, buks and pikeurz, histori wud bí tu us a féblð maigoloji.

Ov ôl klasez ov éñçent kûriositiz, koinz ar fkwal tu eni in interest and valyu. Qé ar a sêf gaid for nîrli 2500 yîrz, and bàr æ pótréts ov nîrli ôl æ kiçz, kwînz and taur nóted persunz duriç dat píriod, hwail medalz ar struk in komemorêçun ov evuri important ívent. Qer ár a sertin klas ov kolekturz hú pé fabûlus sumz for æ sêk ov a partikûlar dét ov æ sém koin, or wun hwic reténz its orijinal lustur, haviç bin kept out ov surkûlêçun, or for a spesimen ov sum rijekted paturn, ov hwic perhaps ónli háf a duzn wer struk, but æé ðu not dizerv æ ném ov antikwérianz.

Qe kolektiç ov póstej stamps iz konsidurd bai meni a fûliç wést ov taim. But hwail æé lé nó klémz tu antikwiti, æé hav merits hwic ár óvurlukt bai æ kajûal obzervur. A lárj própórçun ov æem ár adôrnd wid a miniacur pótrét ov æ réniç soverin, or sum prominent persun, tu prodûs hwic rikwairz æ móst skilful ártists; and nîrli ôl taurz hav æ néçunal insignia.

Qer iz tu evuri luvur ov saiens, a gratifikêçun in obténiç sum relik ov distant klaimz. Tu æem a bit ov stik or stón from Aisland, a fiç huk from Patagónia, a pís ov kloa from Japan, a féded flour from æi Alps or a botl ov wótur from æ Jordan, mé bí kounted amun æér coisest trêjurz. In póstej stamps wí hav a mímento from nîrli evuri néçun, ofn bèriç a póst mârked ov æ toun or vilej hwér æ letur woz pósted.

Arénjiç æem intu an album rikwairz grét skil tu mék æem luk wel. It iz not ólwéz æ móst ekspensiv kolekçunz dat apír æ best. Wí hav sîn smôl kolekçunz got up wid só muc tést, ôl tórñ or badli difést spesimenz bfiç rijekted, az tu íklips taurz hwic had kost árf taimz bi amount.

Tu æ yuç kolektur it not ónli impráuvz æér habits ov ordur and nítnes, but givz æem praktikal lesunz in ífog-rafi, hwic serv tu fiks in æér maindz æ lesunz ov æ skûl-rúm. Rigárded bai meni persunz az kríetiç a tést for æ fain árts, and a stepiç stón tu æ kol-eêçun ov taur kûriositiz; æér cildren ár enkurejd in æ pursût; hwail taurz hú luk upon substança bilidinç, landed propurti, or a lárj inkum, az æi ónli objekts wurai ov atençun, diskurej æem from it. Hwic pursû æ waizest kórs wí lív our rîdurz tu disaid.

OUR ORTHOGRAPHY.

Our readers will perhaps, be somewhat puzzled with the appearance of our first page, the spelling not being in accordance with Webster's Dictionary, but we think upon closer examination, they will be pleased with its simplicity. Our Saxon forefathers, destitute of many of the improvements of the present day, had not the art, which makes our language so difficult to acquire by a foreigner, of using several letters to represent the same sound.

To make our Journal as consistent as possible, we have concluded to give one page to the preservation of this ancient custom. For the long sounds of the vowels we have taken as their custom was, the accented letters; spelling far (fâr), fate (fât), fear (fîr), four (fôr), fool (fûl); and bear (bêr), ball (bôl), beauty (bâti). They also spelt child (cild), and which (hwilc). They had a separate character for the sound of th, which looked very much like a α ; for the soft sound as in think we use a τ ; and spell azure (ajur), fish (fic), and wing [wiŋ]. By applying these rules we think the task of reading will be found quite easy. Lest we should be accused of trying an experiment upon our readers, we would state that this system has been used by the American Philological Society for several years.

PROSPECTUS.

Having established a depot for the purpose of trading in Old Coins, Postage stamps and other curiosities, at No. 23 John st., (in connection with Irving's Antiquarian book store), and finding that a large share of our business, especially during the summer months, is from country orders, and having daily calls for price lists; which are so expensive as to require special facilities for printing; we take this method of bringing our stock into public notice.

We shall be happy to purchase or exchange almost everything in our line, such as American and Foreign Coins, Medals, Postage Stamps, Autographs, Continental Money, Revolutionary Papers, Seals, Indian Relics &c. &c.

We shall publish in each No. a price list of the most noteworthy articles in stock, and also of those we wish to obtain; and shall try to keep our readers posted on every event of importance relating to curiosities. Having been in the business more or less for the past ten years, we hope to have gained the confidence and good will of our patrons. Address all letters, Wm. P. Brown. Box 4614 N. Y. City.

CONTINENTAL CURRENCY.

United Colonies	15c. to	\$1 50
Vermont, torn		1 00
Massachusetts	\$2 00	3 00
Connecticut, fine		1 50
New York	50	1 50
New Jersey	10	50
Pennsylvania	10	50
Maryland	10	75
Delaware	25	1 00
North Carolina	50	2 00
Virginia	1 00	1 50

LIST OF COINS FOR SEPTEMBER.

Wash'n. cent, large eagle 1791, bright	\$7 00
Vermonts Respublica, 1785 fair	2 00
Vermontensium " 1786 very fine	3 50
*Nova Constellatio, 1785 fine	1 00
*Massachusetts cent, 1787 fine	1 00
*Franklin cent, 1787 good	25
New York cent, 1787 very fine	5 00
" " figure to right, fair	1 50
*Vermont cents, good, several varieties	25 to 50
*Connecticut cents, fine " "	10 to 50
*New Jersey " " "	15 to 50
½ Dime, "Martha Wash'n," 1792 good	8 00
Louisiana cent, without R F very fine	5 00
" 1767 with " good	1 50
Auctori Plebis, 1787 fine	6 00
Annapolis shilling, 1723 pierced	3 00
Wash'n ½d., ship 1793 fine	3 00
Continental Currency, 1776 tin, good	8 00
God preserve London ½d., fair	2 00
New Jersey cent, 1788 dog type, extra fine	3 00

The above sent by mail on receipt of price. Of those marked with a star, we have probably enough to supply the demand, of the others we have only one which will be sent to the first order received.

We have on hand a good variety of Autograph letters, Continental bills, Ancient and Foreign coins, American cents and half cents, medals, seals, monograms, crests &c., of which we shall publish lists in succeeding numbers.

NEWS ITEMS.

We understand that another Stamp auction is to come off next month.

The next coin sale to be held in this city, we are informed by Mr. Cogan, is the proposed four days sale of a collection from Philadelphia, to commence October 4th. 1870.

Prince Edward I. gives us a new and handsome stamp, just half the value of the 9d.

The Philatelist and Stamp Collector's Magazine for July both contain illustrations of all the 1870 issue of U. S. stamps, but being on wood give but a faint idea of the originals.

We understand from Messrs. J W Scott & Co. publishers of the American Journal of Philately, that after the first of September their journal will be issued weekly. We hope the increasing desire for information on the science of Timbrography will warrant the change.

A letter was shown to us recently, from Mary Washington to her brother George, for which \$200 had been refused, only three of her letters being known to exist. It has since been left on sale with Mr. Burns.

We have just received on consignment from Alfred Smith & Co., of Bath, England, publishers of the Stamp Collector's Magazine, containing the most information of any on the subject; a large assortment of Postage Stamps, which can be seen at our place of business.

We have just seen a new Essay for a 12c. envelope of the U. S., and hear that proofs have been taken for new designs for the adhesives.

PRICE LIST OF FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.

All stamps sold by us are warranted genuine. Where more than one stamp is described on the same line, the price is so much for each. All letters of enquiry, or orders under 25c., must contain stamps for reply. Money sent by P. O. Order or Registered letter only, is at our risk.

	new.	used.		new.	used.
Antigua 1d. red & rose	\$ 06	\$ 04	Prussia 1850-57-58-65 1 2 3 silber gr.	02	
Austria 1850 arms 3 6 9 kreuzer		01	" 1865 3 4 6 pfennige arms	02	01
" 1858-61 5 10 15		02	" Env. 1 2 3 silb. gr. arms		01
" 1863-67 2 5 10 15		01	Prince Edward I. 1 penny orange	03	
Austrian Italy 1850 15 30 45 centes		02	" 4 4½	15	
" 1863 eagle in oval 5 10 15		03	Queensland 1 2 4 6 pence		03
Baden 1851 3 3 3 6 6 9 kreuzer		02	" 3d. 1 shilling		08
" 1860-64 arms 1 3 6 9		02	Romagna set of 9	75	
" 1868 1 3 7 & 3 kr. env. 1862		01	Roumania 1862 30 paras blue		10
Bahamas 1 penny red	05		" 1865-66 20 paras 1866 18 bani		10
Barbados ½ 1 penny		02	" 1868 2 1869 5 bani	05	
" 4 6 1 shilling		06	Russia 1 3 10 kopecs		03
Bavaria 1850-62 1 3 6 9 kreuzer		01	Roman States ½ 2 5 8 baj. & 10 c.		02
" 1868 1 3 7		01	" ½ bajocchi 2 3 centesimi	04	02
Belgium 1849 10 20 centimes		08	Sandwich Islands 1866 5 cents blue	15	06
" 1861 10 20 40		02	Sarawak 3 cents yellow	15	
Bermuda 1 penny red	05	05	Saxony 1854 1 2 3 neu-groschen		02
Brazil 1854-66 10 reis	03	02	" 1863 3 pf. ½ 1 2 3 5 n. gr.	10	02
" 1866 20 100 200	05	02	" " Envelopes ½ 1 2 3	03	
British Honduras 1 penny blue	05		Schleswig 1½ 1½ ½ schilling	04	02
British Guiana 1 2 12 cents		04	" 1½ 4	06	
Brunswick 1865 ½ 1 2 3 4-4ths gr.	02	02	Schleswig Holstein 1½		02
Canada 1868 ½ 1 1 1 2 3 3 6 cents		01	Servia 1869 set of 8	75	
" 12½ 12½ 15		06	South Australia 1860 1 2 6 pence		03
Cape of Good Hope 1858 1 4 pence		05	" 1863 1 sh. 1869 2d.		06
" 1865 1 4 4 1 shilling		04	South African Republic 1 penny red	08	
Costa Rica 2 reals red	25	05	Spain 1850-51-52-53-54 6 cuartos		08
Danish West Indies 3 cents rose	08	03	" 1854-55-57-60-62 4c.		04
Denmark 1851 4 rbs. 1853-57 4 sk.		02	" 1862-64-65-66-67 12c.		08
Egypt 1865-67 5 paras	04		" 1867-70 10 millesimos	05	04
France Republic 10 15 40 c. 1 franc		05	" 1870 1 2 4	02	
" 20 25 Presidency 25 c.		02	Spanish West Indies 1868-69-70 10c.	12	03
" Empire 1 1 2 4 5 10 20 40 80		01	" " 20c.		08
" Colonies 1 10 40		02	" " 40c.	25	
Greece 1 2 5 10 10 20 40 80 lepta		03	Straits Settlements 3-2 2 3 cents	20	
Grenada 1 penny green	06	04	" 32 old issue		35
" 6 red		08	St. Christopher 1 penny red	05	
Honduras 2 reals red	25	15	" 6 green	40	
Heligoland ½ schilling green	04		St. Domingo 1866 1 real green	50	25
Holstein 1½ schilling 3 varieties		02	" 1867 ½ pink 1 blue	25	15
Holland 1865 5 10 15 cents		02	Sweden 9 17 20 ore		04
" 1867 5 10 20 1½ 1		02	" 4 12 24 30		01
Hong Kong 2 4 6 8 24 30		02	Switzerland 1850 5 10 15 rappen		04
India 8 pies ½ 1 2 4 8 annas		02	" 1862 2 5 10 10 20 25 30 40 50		01
Italy 1855 10 15 20 centesimi		03	" Envelopes 10 rappen rose	04	02
" 1862 1 2 5 10 15 20 20 40 60		01	Tasmania 1858 1 4 pence		03
Jamaica 1 shilling 1 2 pence		02	Trinidad 6d. 1 shilling		04
Mexico 6 cents & 100 brown on brown		10	Turks Islands 1 penny red	04	04
" 12 25 50 100		06	Tuscany 1 2 4 6 9 crazie		04
Modena 1852 5 10 15 25 40 cent.	10	05	Venezuela 1861 set of 3	60	
Newfoundland 1860 2 pence rose	15		" 1863-66 ½ 1 centavo	06	
" 1866 2 10 cents		05	" La Guaira ½ rl. rose blue green	15	10
New South Wales 1861 5 8d. 5 sh.		15	" " 2 rls. green yellow rose	15	08
" 6d. 1 sh. 1867 1 2 & 1d. band		03	Victoria 1865 1 2 4 pence		01
" 1867 4 10 pence		10	" 1866-67-68		08
New Zealand 1 2 6d. 1 sh.		04	West Australia 1862 4 pence vermilion	25	
" 4 pence red		25	" 1 1 2 pence		03
Nicaragua 5 cents black	10	10	" 4 6 pence		06
Norway 1859-65-68 4 8 skilling		02	Wurtemberg 1857 1 3 6 9 kreuzer		02
Orange States 1 penny red	08		" 1 3 6 9 1 3 7		02
Parma 1857 5 10 15 centesimi	05	06	" Envelopes 1 3 kr.	03	02
Peru 1868 1 dinero green	10	04	" " 6 9	08	05

LIST OF PACKETS.

A	contains 50 varieties of used stamps	\$ 25
B	" 75 " " "	50
C	" 100 " " "	1 00
D	" 200 " " "	2 00
E	" 400 " " "	10 00
F	" 25 " English Colonial "	50
G	" 20 " of unused "	25
H	" 35 " " "	50
I	" 60 " " "	1 00
J	" 25 " Eng. Col. unused "	1 00
K	" 60 " of obsolete "	1 00
L	" 100 " " scarce "	5 00
M	" 300 mixed European "	50
N	" 1000 " " "	1 50
O	" 1000 Timbrophilets	50

NOTICES OF SALES AT AUCTION.

A new feature in the history of stamp-collecting in the United States was an auction sale of postage stamps at Leavitt's, May 28, 1870, comprising the stock of a bankrupt European dealer (!) also a lot of albums &c., the most noticeable of which were as follows: 1 collection of 1800 stamps, \$38; do., 1000, \$23; do., 625, \$11; do., 515, \$8; do., 430, \$11; do., 319, \$9 50; do., 215, \$6; 5c. Sandwich Is., fancy border, \$11; Geneva 5c., \$4; Luzon 1 real green, \$5; U. S. Carrier's orange, \$4 50; 5 & 10c. St. Louis \$9; $\frac{1}{2}$ Peso Peru, \$9; Essays for first postage envelope, \$3. 25, \$3 75, and \$4 50; 3 American Lallier's albums, gilt morocco, \$4, \$3 50, and \$3. The proceeds of the sale amounted to about \$430.

At an auction sale of U. S. coins, pattern pieces and continental bills, held at Leavitt, Strebeigh & co's., June 17 1870, the following prices were realized:

Cents, 1793, \$9 50; do., \$5 25; do., \$5; 1796, uncirculated, \$5 50; 1797, do., \$6; 1798 do., \$7; do., \$5; 1799, \$6 50; 1804, fine, \$7 25; 1809, do., \$5 37; 1810, uncirculated, \$8 25; 1821, do., \$5 12, 1823, do., \$12 25; 1825, do., \$5 25 The whole set brought nearly \$200.

Dollars, 1842, proof, \$5 50; 1835, do., \$11 00; half dol., 1796, \$17; half dime, 1801, fine, \$8.

Continental currency, note for \$20, May 10, 1775, \$2 25; \$30, April 11, 1778, \$3 25; balance from 10c. to \$1 12.

Colonial currency, Mass., from 50c. to \$2; N. H., one note for £2; Nov. 3, 1775, \$3 75; balance 50 c. to \$1 62; Conn., 60 c. to \$1 37; R. I., 30 to 50c., New York, note for £3; Sept. 2 1775, \$2, 75; balance 15 to 75c., New Jersey, 10c. to \$1 12, Penna., 10 to 50c., Del., 15 to 75c., Md., 10 to 15c. Va., 30c. to \$1; N. C. 65c., to \$2 50; S. C. 25c. to \$2 12.

The Pattern pieces were an unusually fine lot, more than 25 of them bringing upwards of \$5, each, and some as high as \$35.

Colonial and others; Wood half-penny, figure facing left, nearly proof, \$8; Immunis Columbia, \$7; medal of C. W. Field, aluminum, \$15; Meade medal, bronze, \$5 25; Washington cents, 2 large eagle at \$5; one small eagle, \$10; Grant Pacific R. R. medal, \$5; Poulson's Philada. almanac, 1793 to 1801, complete, \$8 50.

At an action sale of Greek and Roman silver coins at Bangs Merwin & Co., June 17 1870, the prices were quite low. Among the Greek coins one of Alexander brought 50c.; Aegina, \$2 37; Cyrene, \$3; Neapolis and Thurium, each \$3 12.

The Roman Family coins, which were a very complete collection, averaged 50c. each; none of them selling for over \$1 25.

Of the Imperial, 3 of Julius Caesar brought \$2, 12; \$1 12 and \$1 50; Brutus \$1 75; Otho, Vitellius and Balbinus, each over \$2; others ranging from 25c. to \$2 50.

THE HONDURAS STAMP.

This stamp having been pronounced spurious, we have a few comments to make upon it. We have in our possession: 1st., an envelope addressed to a prominent firm in this city with the seal embossed on the flap of RAYMON VALENZUELA, COMAYAGUA HONDURAS. On the face is an oblong hand impression in blue, of MORRIS & CO. AMAPALA, and also a round hand stamp, N. Y. STEAMSHIP 10 JULY 12., and 3 Honduras stamps crossed with the pen. 2nd., Part of another envelope with embossed flap, ANGEL LOPEZ, . . GUCIGALPA. 3rd., A stamp cancelled with the letters YAGUA, one fourth the width of the stamp.

We have several stamps with the steamship cancellation, and have received them on such a variety of envelopes, and coming in such a way that we have no doubts of their genuineness.

We have never seen the green one used.

We have just received a copy of the first No. of the American Antiquarian for August 1870; a quarterly journal devoted to the subject of Autograph letters and continental money, and published at \$1. per annum by Charles De F. Burns, 127 Mercer St. N. Y. It is got up with taste, containing much valuable information, and is a much needed representative of a large class of collectors.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Owing to the limited space in our Journal we cannot admit paid advertisements; but shall from time to time, notice those who deal in curiosities, or who have in their possession anything rare and valuable. All parties publishing periodicals or price lists in our line are requested to send them in exchange.

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